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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2418
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SUBJECT: LEAK OF EMBASSY TELGRAM TO THE "WASHINGTON POST"

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1. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED TO NOTE THAT THE NAMES OF FSOs SERVING AT THIS EMBASSY WERE AMONG THE MATERIAL LEAKED TO THE "WASHINGTON POST" FROM AN EMBASSY REPORTING CABLE ON AMBASSADOR DUBS' DEATH (REFTEL). SUCH EXPOSURE CREATES INCREASED PERSONAL RISKS FOR THOSE OFFICERS IN THE HIGHLY VOLATILE AND UNPREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT IN AFGHANISTAN, AND COULD AFFECT THEIR ONWARD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AFGHAN AND SOVIET OFFICIALS.

2. WE HOPE THAT EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO PROTECT OUR REPORTING OFFICERS FROM FURTHER PUBLIC EXPOSURE.

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